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Route To:

Subject: AP Baker Branch Reoffer Integrated Resource Timber Contract (IRTC)

To: Prospective Bidder

Dear Prospective Bidder:

By March 1, 2016 at 04:30 PM, sealed offers along with accompanying technical proposals will be accepted at the Forest Supervisor's Office, Attn: Forest Service Representative, 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mountain Rest, SC 29664 for the AP Baker Branch Reoffer IRTC Stewardship Contract. The FS-2400-13T contract will be used. The termination date for this contract is December 31st, 2018. This contract is located in Oconee County of South Carolina, the southwestern area of the Andrew Pickens Ranger District, within timber compartments 37 & 42. Access to the contract area is on State Highway 37-290 (Cassidy Bridge Road) approximately 3 miles south/southwest of the junction with State Highway 37-193 (Whetstone Road).

There are 2.5 miles of specified road reconstruction included in this contract. Costs of \$45,648 for specified road reconstruction plus \$6,176 for engineering reconstruction services have been accounted for in the timber appraisal. These costs are required to be borne by the contractor. There is an estimated 0.5 miles of temporary road construction needed to access the timber. Exact location and length of temporary roads is by mutual agreement. Constructed temporary roads are required to be obliterated.

The estimated quantities in this contract have been determined prior to felling. The total estimated quantity on this sale is 4,679 CCF. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

In addition to the timber removal component of this contract, there are two mandatory and two optional stewardship project included in this contract. Your price proposal must include a bid price for all four stewardship work projects. The optional project items may be included into the contract at the discretion of the Contracting Officer after the contract is awarded. As this work is completed and accepted, stewardship credits will be applied to the timber sale account.

Bids will be evaluated on a best value basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship projects will be completed. The technical proposal that is submitted will become a part of the contract when the contract is awarded. A unit rate bid for each timber product is required as well as the per unit rate for completing each stewardship project. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

Estimated Timber Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure



Timber Bid Information:				Rates Per Unit of Measure
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantity	Minimum Acceptable Rate
So. Yellow Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	2,968	\$16.00
Hardwood	Sawtimber	CCF	68	\$7.04
White Pine	Sawtimber	CCF	63	\$14.05
Softwood-Other	Pulpwood	CCF	1,111	\$3.00
Virginia Pine*	Pulpwood	CCF	158	*\$3.00
Hardwood	Pulpwood	CCF	311	\$3.00

**All Virginia pine, regardless of size, was cruised as pulpwood and appraised at pulpwood rates.*

Stewardship Project Information

Project Number (a)	Project Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
Mandatory Stewardship Projects			
M1	Felling non-merchantable trees in harvest units	Acres	147
M2	Felling loblolly pine trees in cut & leave unit	Acres	5
Optional Stewardship Projects			
O1	Road maintenance – heavy brushing	Miles	15.5
O2	Gate installation	Each	7

If you wish further information about this contract, such as Contract Area Maps, Prospectus, Bid Form, Past Performance Questionnaire, and Technical Proposal Form please visit our website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/scnfs/sumtertimbersales> or call Victor Wyant at the Andrew Pickens District Ranger's office in Mountain Rest, SC at (864) 638-9568, or by email at vwyant@fs.fed.us



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